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SOVIET TROOPS TO PREVENT
HUNGARIAN RETREAT FROM YUGOSLAVS

DECENTRALIZE WAR MATERIEL -- Munich, Hungaria, 16 Feb 51

It is reported from southern Hungary that maneuvers of Hungarian forces on the Yugoslav border are nearing an end. The situation up to now indicates that the main tasks of Hungarian forces would be to drive down in the direction of Zagreb, Fiume, and Trieste, to cut off Tito's possible overland supply routes from the West. This theory is strengthened by the fact that Hungary's only two divisions with modern equipment an armored division and a motorized infantry division -- recently have been closed off from the interior by a famous Cominform brigade which has been concealed for some time in the forests along the Mura and Drava rivers in southwest Hungary.

The remaining smaller, less well-armed Hungarian divisions are assembled in the Baranya triangle (former Baranya County, including the cities of Mohacs and Pecs), and along the Baja-Mako line and are prepared with the cooperation of Rumanian forces, to push through Bacska (area including the cities of Baja, Subotica, and Sombor, formerly part of Hungary), and Banat (former Hungarian territory southeast of Szeged) to Belgrade. Heavily armed Soviet units always at the backs of the Hungarian forces do not take part openly in the maneuvers, but their role is to open fire on unreliable Hungarian troops in the event of a Yugoslav counterattack, to enclose the Hungarians in a cross-fire and prevent retreat.

With the assembly of the forces, the Soviet High Command ordered the decentralization of war materiel. For about 2 weeks, fuel and ammunition have been transported by rail and highway from Gyor, Magyarovar, Koszeg, Sopron, Zala-Egerszeg, Szombathely, Kormend, and Nagykanizsa store centers to their new destinations. Numerous manors, estate houses, wine press houses, etc., have requisitioned to serve as war materiel depots. The materiel is transferred and shipped at night, exclusively by Soviet soldiers. These movements can be seen and heard by Austrians across the border.

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ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF BATA HUNGARIAN, NOT RUSSIAN -- Munich, Hungaria, 9 Feb 51

Latest reports are that Hungarian Army Chief of Staff Istvan Bata is not Russian, as previously reported, but Hungarian. At the start of Bata's meteoric career, he was a gardener by trade. Sent to Siberia as a prisoner of war during World War I, he joined the international regiment formed there in 1920 and distinguished himself in Crimea, fighting against General Wrangel. After the dissolution of the international regiment, Bata joined the Red Army, completed the 6-month officer training course during the winter of 1921-22, and in 1923 entered the staff academy at Moscow, which he completed successfully.

He was made regimental commander after the Ukrainian maneuvers of 1927 and served with the Red Army until 1944, when he parachuted into Hungary to direct partisan action. When ranks were restored, he was made brigadier general, in 1945 he was promoted to regimental general, and he is now lieutenant general. He married a Russian woman in the 1920's and today speaks Russian better than Hungarian.

NEW UNDERGROUND INSTALLATIONS AT SAJOBATONY -- Innsbruck, Unio Press Service, 23 Jan 51

Underground barracks and munitions stores are under construction at Sajobatony; they will be similar to those built at Budapest and cities on the western border. Construction workers have been entirely isolated from the outer world, and may not communicate even with relatives. Food for the workers is prepared at a central kitchen. It is indicative of the quality of the food that workers recently staged a formal demonstration and overturned the kettles. Retaliation was carried out by political police. A peculiarity of this secret construction project is that no place names may be used in official documents. Places are designated by numbers. Even officials may approach the site only upon presenting special papers, signed by State Secretary Fodor of the Ministry of Construction.

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